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JANUARY 15, 2015 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES SUSSEX CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR 124 HALSEY STREET NEWARK, NJ 07105 9:00a.m.

I OPENING STATEMENT AND ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the New Jersey Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6th floor on Thursday, January 15, 2015. Hilda Pressman, Chair of the Committee announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed out to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Star Ledger, the Record, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press, and the Trenton Times. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded and a quorum was present:

PRESENT

**Nancy G. Schneider, M.A., CCC-A, FAAA
Hilda Pressman, M.A., CCC-SLP, BCS-S
Anne Eckert, Au.D.
Louis Conte, D.O.
Gerard Caracciolo, Ed. D., CCC-SLP**

ABSENT

**Chetan Shah, MD
Sharon Shinkle Gardner**

ALSO PRESENT

**Carmen Rodriguez, DAG
Renee P. Clark, Executive Director
Sonia Claudino, Administrative Staff**

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. A motion was made by Dr. Caracciolo, seconded by Dr. Eckert to approve the November 20, 2014 Public Session minutes with amendments. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

III NEW BUSINESS

The Committee reviewed Robynne Kratchman's inquiry in regards to Speech-Language Pathologists performing laryngeal function studies, CPT 92520.

After review, Chair directed to send Ms. Kratchman a letter advising her that it is within the scope of practice of a Speech-Language Pathologist and in the future to refer to the Committee rules and regulations.

IV WEBSITE REVIEW

Ms. Schneider requested that the following links be removed since it isn't operational at this time:

"Grace's Law" (to determine if your insurance is required to provide assistance for purchase of your child's hearing aids)

www.graceslaw.com/Gracelaw_bro2.pdf

For a copy of this brochure ("Ley de Grace") in Spanish, go to:

www.spannj.org/familywrap/Grace%20law-pressSpanishv2.pdf

V FYI

- a. Committee Chair reported that NJSHA is going forward with the legislative effort for licensed audiologists to be able to dispenser hearing aids.

VI HANDOUTS

- a. The Committee reviewed an inquiry regards to the scope of practice of FiberOptic Endoscopic Exam Standards.

After review, Chair directed to send a response stating that there are no specific forms but records should be kept.

VI ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Eckert seconded by Dr. Caracciolo to proceed to Executive Session, to hold an investigative inquiry, to consider and review advertisements, consumer complaints and other information received pursuant to the Committee's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of law, including Board's regulations have occurred. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Committee chooses to issue a Uniform Penalty Letter, the action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Ms. Schneider, seconded by Dr. Eckert to adjourn the meeting at 12:00p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee



Renee P. Clark
Executive Director